

GENESIS YOUTH CENTER STATEWIDE RESTITUTION RATE

The main purpose of the Genesis Youth Center program is to hold youths accountable for their delinquent behavior. Youths are given the opportunity to work off court ordered restitution owed to their victims and service hours owed to the community. Residents typically work 6 days a week in projects at the center and at a variety of different work sites in the community. During FY 2013, residents worked 59,797 hours. In the past, Intake/Probation youth ordered to Genesis who owed restitution earned \$4.00 per hour compared to \$7.25 for JJS youth. This disparity in restitution rates created an environment where youth working side-by-side owing the same restitution amounts would take almost twice as long to pay back their victims.

Effective January 1, 2014, all youth placed at Genesis Youth Center will receive the same restitution rate. This agreement with the Juvenile Court will meet the following objectives:

OBJECTIVES

- Create an equitable environment for Intake/Probation and JJS youth where all residents earn \$7.25 per hour for restitution.
- Create one waiting list for all youth awaiting placement at Genesis Youth Center.
- Decrease the waiting list for Intake/Probation youth by fulfilling restitution requirements quicker.
- Mitigate Intake/Probation youth from being placed into JJS Community Based Placement for a higher restitution rate or circumventing the waiting list.
- Clarify custody status (Intake/Probation or JJS) and caseload responsibilities for youth placed at Genesis Youth Center.
- Improve accuracy for Medicaid Eligibility Requirements and Forecasting.
- Increase compliance with IVE Medicaid Requirements.

